

The Hyde amendment was passed in 1976 and has shared bipartisan support for over four decades, while saving at least 2.4 million lives. But, now, my Democrat colleagues want to break with precedent and pave the way for taxpayer-funded abortions.

This is wrong. It is in direct opposition to God's word and the will of the American people.

Psalm 139:13 is clear: "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Polling shows that 60 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, the request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN AMERICA

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the INVEST in America Act.

This bill makes long overdue investments in the Nation building here at home and would deliver for my community in Buffalo and western New York.

It includes funding to convert the historic DL&W train station into a multiuse transportation hub. It supports the transition of a North Tonawanda highway near the Erie Canal into a walkable neighborhood. And it will transform an abandoned rail line in Buffalo into the vibrant Riverline trail.

The INVEST in America Act will add more than \$400 million in annual funding to New York to fix bridges and roads, an increase of over 30 percent.

This bill does not, however, fix neighborhoods destroyed by highway building in the decade of the 1950s. We need to do more to restore those communities in those neighborhoods that were destroyed many years ago.

Now is the time to invest in America.

IMMEDIATE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO PROTECT AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST OUR ADVERSARIES

(Mr. STEIL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, bolstering our infrastructure against cyberattacks and ransomware attacks

is an issue that concerns every American. It is not Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative.

As we have seen from the recent Colonial Pipeline hack and the shutdown of the world's largest beef supplier, JBS, there are alarming cybersecurity weaknesses in America's critical infrastructure.

Immediate action must be taken to protect America's infrastructure against our adversaries. That is why we must pass my amendment to the surface transportation bill.

My proposal is simple. It is focused. It does not grow the size of the Federal Government.

My amendment requires the GAO, the Government Accountability Office, to study the vulnerabilities within our transportation system to combat cyberattacks.

This study will show us and accurately allow us to plan, invest, and put forth policies that address our susceptibilities to future threats.

I thank my colleagues from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania for joining me in this effort, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, this past weekend and early this week, the people of Michigan's southeast area in the Twelfth District have experienced devastating floods. More than 7 inches fell on my hometown of Dearborn in a few hours.

But it is not new for Michiganians. We keep experiencing these once-in-a-lifetime storms every year. But that doesn't make it any different when your basements are flooded, family photos are ruined, carpets are soaked, cars can't operate, water is not running, and the power is out.

We have to do something. Our Nation's infrastructure is crumbling, and the American people deserve better.

We need to invest in our infrastructure to make communities more resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis.

On Saturday, I sent a letter to the President urging immediate FEMA assistance to our communities. I have asked the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a study to tell us what we have to do.

My constituents are dealing with so much damage and are in immediate need of essential resources. We are focused on doing everything we can to coordinate with all to help our communities. We just wish we could send the West some of our water.

WE ARE FOREVER INDEBTED TO OUR VETERANS

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the men and women who have proudly safeguarded the American way of life since 1776.

Generations of veterans have protected our homeland and its principles against all enemies.

These everyday American heroes are willing to give their lives to ensure a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

We are forever indebted to them.

To the over 19 million veterans and 1.5 million Active Duty service personnel who hail from every corner of our Nation, we say thank you.

To the military families whose loved ones took their last breath in defense of tyranny, we will never forget the sacrifices.

This Independence Day, I will be thanking them, and I hope you will be as well.

May God continue to bless this great United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SWEET POTATO COMMISSION

(Mr. BUTTERFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

The role of this commission is to support growers and increase sweet potato consumption. Their efforts have been tremendously effective as the popularity of sweet potatoes has increased at home and especially abroad.

North Carolina leads the Nation in sweet potato production and has done so for the last 50 years. There are over 450 sweet potato farmers in North Carolina, and those farmers produce about 65 percent of all sweet potatoes grown throughout the country.

I am proud to recognize and congratulate the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission on its 60th anniversary. I wish them another 60 years of continued success.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REUVEN RIVLIN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Monday, I appreciate meeting with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin at the U.S. Capitol. We are always grateful for the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to Israel.

Recently, Hamas terrorists in Gaza launched 4,500 Iranian-produced rockets against Israeli families. America should always stand with our allies. The world is impressed by Israel as she defends herself with the Iron Dome.

It is encouraging to see the successes of Iron Dome intercepting rockets